



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, millions of dollars, both public and private, are spent each year for the control of invasive plant and animal species in Wisconsin's waters, wildlands and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, invasive plants and animals threaten Wisconsin's waters and wildlands by competing with and destroying native plants and animals, and by disrupting complex habitat systems that evolved over millennia; and

WHEREAS, invasive species threaten the productivity and economic viability of Wisconsin's agricultural lands by creating overwhelming competition with crops; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's waters and wildlands draw hundreds of thousands of tourists and recreational users each year; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's waters and wildlands mitigate the influences of global warming, flooding, water pollution and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's agricultural lands are vital to the economic livelihood and health of the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature created the Governor's Council on Invasive Species, to which I appointed 13 individuals, to address the issue of ecologically invasive organisms; and

WHEREAS, awareness of invasive species is an important first step towards behavior change, which can prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Invasive Species Awareness Month is an opportunity for government to join forces with business, industry, conservation groups, recreational groups, community organizations and citizens to take action against the introduction and spread of invasive species;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June, 2006

INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Wisconsin, and encourage individuals and public and private groups to sponsor and participate in activities to help all Wisconsin residents and visitors gain a better understanding of the impact of invasive species on Wisconsin's waters, wildlands and agricultural lands.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty second day of February in the year two thousand six

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jim Doyle".
JIM DOYLE

By the Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Douglas J. Follette".
DOUGLAS J. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State